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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to urge you to grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals - **docket number 98P-0151/CP1**. I do not believe that animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should be allowed to enter the human food chain.

In addition to posing an increased risk of bacterial infection, some of these downed animals may be afflicted with Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy which may be linked to the fatal human CJD.

It is virtually impossible to move downed animals humanely. I do not believe that these unfortunate animals must endure further injuries from being pushed with loaders or dragged by chains. It is estimated that 90% of downed animals would not be in that position if they had received better care and handling. Removing a market for these animals will surely provide an incentive for the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place. Those few who are unable to get up should be humanely destroyed immediately at the farm or stockyard where the condition occurs.

Please grant petition docket number 98P-0151/CP1.

Sincerely,



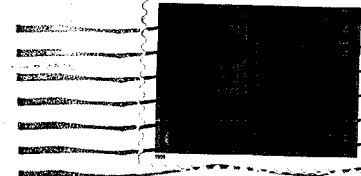
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